

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Robert and Mary Trott House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2410 Plum Point Road (Maryland Route 263) ___ not for publication

city, town Parran ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert County

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Trott

street & number 2410 Plum Point Road telephone no.:

city, town Huntingtown state and zip code Maryland 20639

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-785

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Trott House is located on the northwest corner of Plum Point Road (Maryland Route 263) and Evans Road, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile northeast of the rural community of Parran and five miles northeast of Prince Frederick.

The Trott House is a two story frame house of the "four-square" style. It was constructed in 1927 using a slightly modified plan from a Sears and Roebuck catalogue. The house measures approximately 26 feet by 28 feet and is two bays wide and two rooms deep with a single brick chimney centered at the peak of a pyramidal roof.

The front facade faces east to the Plum Point Road. The front door is located in the south or left bay of the first story, with a triple 6/1 bank of windows to the right. Paired 6/1 windows are located to left and right on the second story. A plain one story hip roof porch stretches across the front facade. The building rests on a poured concrete foundation and is covered with aluminum siding, which was added eight or ten years ago and covers original plain weatherboard siding. The eaves are boxed in; the roof is covered with "Cartwright" stamped metal roofing, which replaced a composition shingle roof of circa 1948.

The fenestration on the north and south facades is asymmetrical and includes a mixture of 6/1 sash, paired 6/1 sash, and smaller six-light windows.

On the rear facade there is a one story enclosed porch across the first story and two 6/1 windows on the second story.

The interior utilizes a three room plan on the first story and a four room plan on the second story. On the first floor, a large rectangular living room stretches across the east or front with doors opening into two rooms to the rear. The room to the north is slightly larger and serves as the dining room, while the smaller room to the south was originally the kitchen. A rear porch across the west facade has been enclosed and the south end now serves as the kitchen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1927

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Trott House is a two story frame house of the "four-square" style that was constructed using plans purchased from a Sears and Roebuck catalogue. The house was built by Robert E. Trott in 1927 and has been continuously occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Trott since the house was completed in November of that year.

Mr. Trott recalls that he purchased the land in 1925, five years after their marriage in December 1920, and that construction began in the winter of 1927. He purchased the plans from Sears but did not buy the house materials because he had his own timber and a sawmill. The only materials he purchased were doors, windows, flooring, plaster lathing, cement, bricks and roofing. All other lumber was prepared on the site. The cellar was excavated with a team of horses and a drag scoop. Much of the work was done by Mr. Trott with assistance at times from his brother-in-law and his neighbors. He also hired a good carpenter for \$5.00 per day. The total cost of the house including labor and materials was about \$2500.

In 1930, Mr. Trott sold 35 acres of land on the south-east side of Plum Point Road to Arthur Gibson. Mr. Gibson used the same Sears plans to build a house on this property that still stands and is visible from Mr. Trott's house, located several hundred yards to the southwest and on the opposite side of Plum Point Road. Mr. Trott made minor modifications to the plans and it would appear that Arthur Gibson did as well.

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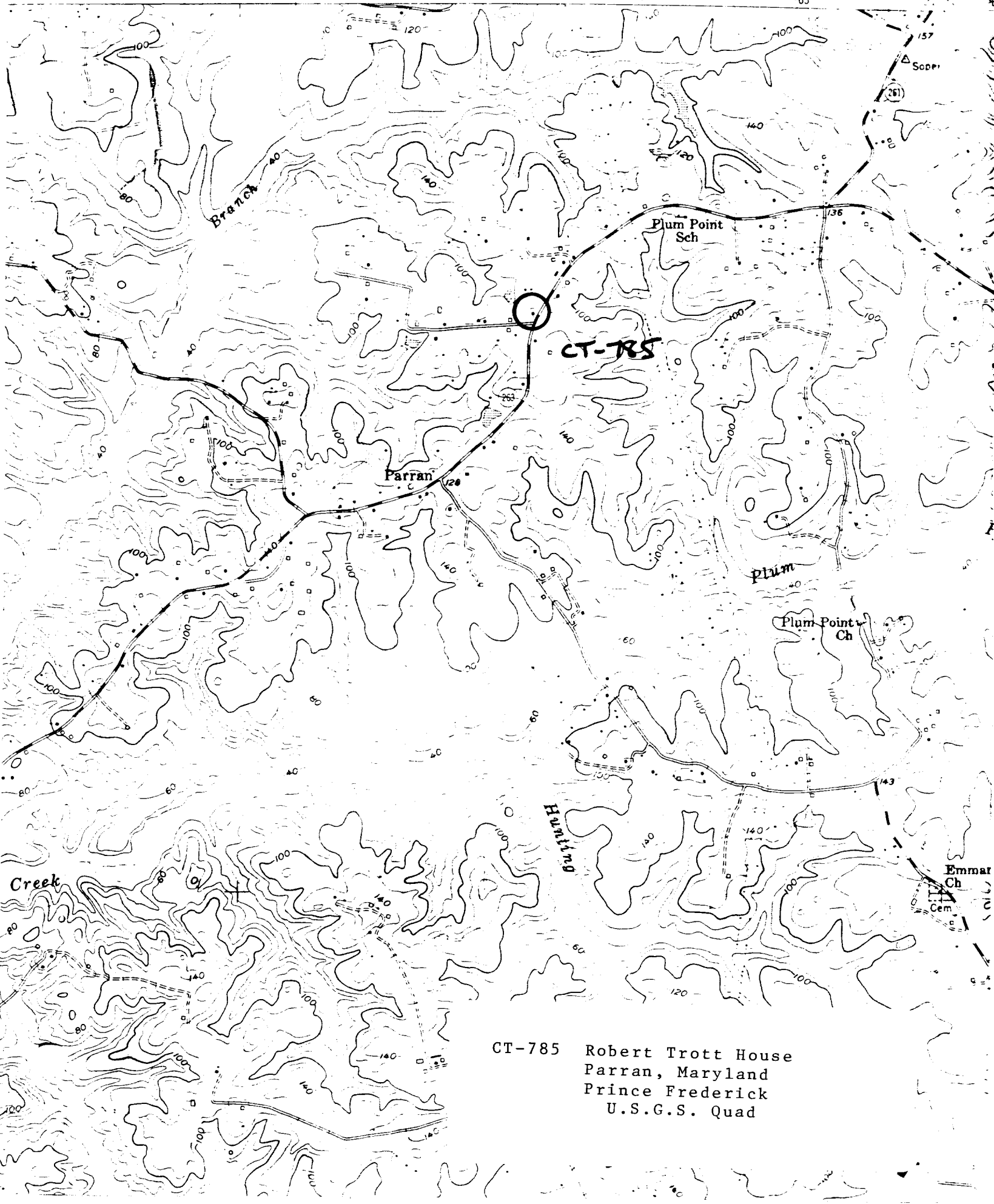
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7.1 DESCRIPTION

The stair to the second floor rises against the south wall of the living room to a central passage on the second story that bisects the upper floor from south to north. There are two sleeping chambers on either side of the hall and a modern bath at the north end.

Mr. Trott recalls making several modifications in the Sears plan. The original plans were for a house 26 feet by 24 feet, but Mr. Trott enlarged it slightly to 28feet by 26 feet. He also added a landing near the top of the stairs in place of the winder steps called for in the plans.

Barns: There are three barns on the property, all built by Mr. Trott. An earlier barn on the farm was located on the south side of Evans Road but has been demolished.



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View from Southeast



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